

Yesterday I met with Dave and Denise Bunning, parents from Lake Forest with two young children with food allergies. The Bunning's children are deathly allergic to milk, eggs and tree nuts - an often arduous burden to their family, the children's friends, and their school teachers and administrators. The Bunnings are not alone - more than 11 million Americans are afflicted with food allergies today. Dave and Denise do not suffer in silence. Rather, they formed the [Food Allergy Project](#)

to raise awareness for parents of children with food allergies. What started as a support group in the North Shore has evolved into a well-organized advocacy group, partnered with Children's Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, seeking to increase research funding at the federal National Institutes of Health and elsewhere. Now the Congress needs to demonstrate its commitment to helping the Bunnings and the millions of families like them by fulfilling the goals set forth by the Food Allergy Project.